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FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: URUGUAY, CUBA AND THE BUENOS AIRES MFM

1. FONMIN BLANCO OF URUGUAY IS CONSIDERING WHAT HE CHARACTERIZES AS FOUR OPTIONS FOR BUENOS AIRES: OPTION ONE: THAT CUBA PARTICIPATE AND THE CUBAN CONTROVERSY IN ALL ITS COMPLEXITY BE ON THE AGENDA. OPTION TWO: THAT CUBA PARTICIPATE AND THAT CUBAN ISSUES BE EXCLUDED FROM THE BUENOS AIRES DIALOGUE. OPTION THREE: THAT CUBA NOT PARTICIPATE AND CUBAN ISSUES BE INCLUDED IN THE DIALOGUE. OPTION FOUR: THAT CUBA NOT PARTICIPATE, AND THE ISSUE BE EXCLUDED. THE FIRST WOULD BE THE WORST OF ALL POSSIBLE WORLDS FOR HIM. HE IS REFLECTING ON THE OTHERS, AND WE WILL MEET AGAIN BEFORE WEDNESDAY.

2. HE THINKS TENTATIVELY THAT HE WOULD ATTEND THE BUENOS AIRES MFM UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. BUT HIS ATTENDANCE, IF THE CUBAN QUESTION IS VENTILATED, WOULD BE RESENTED IN HIS COUNTRY. CUBA CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE TUPAMAROS. URUGUAY EXPECTS ANOTHER GUERRILLA GROUP TO SURFACE SHORTLY. HIS GOVERNMENT KNOWS WITH CERTAINTY THAT THE GROUP HAS RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM CUBA, THROUGH BUENOS AIRES. THE GOU HAS EVEN IDENTIFIED THE ARGENTINIANS INVOLVED. (HE DID NOT SAY WHETHER HE HAS ADVISED THE GOA, OR ASKED FOR ITS HELP.) SO HIS MISGIVINGS ABOUT

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CUBA ARE NOT FANTASY.

3. VERBAL ASSURANCES FROM CUBA THAT IT WILL RESPECT OTHER COUNTRIES WILL COUNT FOR LITTLE WITH BLANCO, UNLESS CUBA IS IN FACT PREPARED TO STAY ITS HAND.

4. HE IS AWARE AT LEAST OF THE OUTLINES OF VIGNES' VIEWS. HE THINKS THE GOA IS IN PART MOTIVATED BY THE HOPE THAT IN INVITING CUBA IT WILL QUIET ARGENTINE LEFT, AND HE REGARDS THIS AS A TACTICAL ERROR.
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